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SUBJECT:VISIT OF EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT JENKINS

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1. ROY JENKINS, PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY, PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON APRIL 18-19.

JENKINS' VISIT -- HIS FIRST AS COMMISSION PRESIDENT -- WAS
AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT CARTER. THE COMMISSION
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PRESIDENT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. JENKINS; EMILE NOEL,
COMMISSION SECRETARY GENERAL; THEODORUS HIJZEN, DIRECTOR
GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS; RENATO RUGGIERO, SPOKESMAN
AND DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INFORMATION; CRISPIN TICKELL,
CHEF DE CA0INET TO PRESIDENT JENKINS; AND HAYDEN PHILLIPS,
DEPUTY CHEF DE CABINET.

2. PRESIDENT JENKINS MET FOR AN HOUR WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, PARTICIPATED IN A WORKING LUNCHEON WITH SECRETARY VANCE, AND HELD TALKS WITH TREASURY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL, STR STRAUSS AND DR. HENRY OWEN, THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR SUMMIT PREPARATIONS. JENKINS ALSO MET WITH HOUSE AND SENATE LEADERS, APPEARED ON NETWORK TELEVISION (ABC-TV), AND CONSULTED WITH THE EC NINE AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON.

3. TOPICS DISCUSSED DURING THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH JENKINS INCLUDED THE LONDON SUMMIT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS

IN THE US AND EUROPE, PROGRESS TOWARD EUROPEAN UNIFICATION, TRADE, NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS AND ENERGY. THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS STRONG SUPPORT FOR A UNITED AND PROSPEROUS EUROPE, INDICATING THAT US COOPERATION WITH EUROPE IS AN ESSENTIAL FEATURE IN THE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN THE WORLD ECONOMY, BUILD A MORE OPEN AND ORDERLY TRADE SYSTEM, DEVELOP A CONSTRUCTIVE POLICY TOWARD MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND IMPROVING STABILITY IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. DISCUSSION AT THE SECRETARY'S LUNCHEON FOCUSED ON THE MTN, CSCE, EC ENLARGEMENT, AND THE MEDITERRANEAN.

4. THE VISIT WAS EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL IN BOOSTING US/EC RELATIONS. PRESIDENT CARTER'S INVITATION, AS WELL AS THE VICE PRESIDENT'S POST-INAUGURAL CALL ON JENKINS IN BRUSSELS, WAS DESIGNED TO DRAMATIZE THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S DESIRE FOR THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE CONSULTATIONS
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AND COOPERATION WITH THE EC. WE CONSIDER JENKINS' TALKS HERE TO HAVE BEEN A COMPREHENSIVE AND FORTHRIGHT EXPANSION OF OUR DIALOGUE WITH THE EC ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ISSUES.

5. A MORE DETAILED REPORT WILL FOLLOW.
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